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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: FONMIN KAMEL'S "APOLOGY"

REF: (A) CAIRO 8526, (B) CAIRO 8527

1. FONMIN KAMEL TELEPHONED THIS MORNING FROM HIS HOME TO ADVISE THAT HIS CHEF DE CABINET, AHMED MAHER, WOULD SHORTLY BRING AN URGENT MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT SADAT TO PRESIDENT CARTER. I ASSURED HIM MESSAGE WOULD BE SENT SOON AS RECEIVED.

2. KAMEL THEN SAID HE WISHED TO APOLOGIZE FOR HIS EMOTIONAL PRESENTATION TO ME OF YESTERDAY (REF A). HE SAID THAT, AS I KNEW, HE FEELS DEEPLY ABOUT THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM AND ISRAELI EXPANSIONIST AMBITIONS. HE REGRETTED THAT HE HAD PERMITTED HIS EMOTIONS TO GET THE BETTER OF HIM AND HOPED THAT I UNDERSTOOD THAT THERE WAS NOTHING PERSONAL IN HIS COMMENTS. IN FACT, AS HE PUT IT, HE FELT HE COULD SPEAK FREELY AND FRANKLY TO ME WITHOUT MY TAKING OFFENSE.

3. I TOLD HIM THERE WAS NOTHING TO APOLOGIZE FOR.

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I UNDERSTOOD HIS FEELINGS AND APPRECIATED HIS CONFIDENCE IN ME. I WANTED HIM TO FEEL FREE TO SPEAK UNINHIBITEDLY AT ANY TIME AND ON ANY SUBJECT. ONLY IN THIS WAY COULD WE BETTER UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER'S POSITIONS AND SEEK MEANS TO BRIDGE DIFFERENCES. I HOPED HE WOULD ALSO NOT TAKE OFFENSE IF, IN CONTEXT OF THE CLOSE RELATIONSHIP THAT EXISTS BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVTS, I WAS EQUALLY FRANK

WITH HIM. HE SAID HE WOULD, OF COURSE, WELCOME THIS.
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